

## HOUSE BILL NO. 199

INTRODUCED BY T. BROCKMAN

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; RENAMING THE CHIEF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER TO CHIEF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER; REVISING THE DUTIES OF THE CHIEF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-218, 2-15-219, AND 2-18-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 2-15-218, MCA, is amended to read:

**"2-15-218. Office of economic development -- structure.** (1) There is an office of economic development within the office of the governor.

(2) The head of the office is the chief ~~business~~economic development officer, who must be appointed by the governor.

(3) The office of economic development is composed of the following policy and program specialties:

- (a) business retention and recruitment;
- (b) workforce development;
- (c) technology development;
- (d) infrastructure improvement; and
- (e) permitting and regulatory processes.

(4) The office may employ or contract with policy specialists to implement the programs listed in subsection (3) and the functions referred to in 2-15-219.

(5) The office may accept grants, loans, and other gifts from sources other than the state for the purpose of administering the provisions of 2-15-219, 90-1-112 through 90-1-114, and this section."

1           **Section 2.** Section 2-15-219, MCA, is amended to read:

2           **"2-15-219. Chief ~~business-economic~~ development officer -- duties.** The chief ~~business-economic~~  
3 development officer shall:  
4           (1)     advise the governor on policy issues related to economic development;  
5           (2)     ~~lead-coordinate~~ the state's business recruitment, retention, and expansion efforts;  
6           (3)     coordinate the development and distribution of a statewide coordinated strategic economic  
7 development plan;  
8           (4)     coordinate the individual functions and programs within the office as provided in 2-15-218; and  
9           (5)     serve as the state's primary liaison between federal, state, and local agencies, Montana tribal  
10 governments, private, nonprofit economic development organizations, and the private sector."  
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12           **Section 3.** Section 2-18-103, MCA, is amended to read:

13           **"2-18-103. Officers and employees excepted.** Parts 1 through 3 and 10 do not apply to the following  
14 officers and employees in state government:  
15           (1)     elected officials;  
16           (2)     county assessors and their chief deputies;  
17           (3)     employees of the office of consumer counsel;  
18           (4)     judges and employees of the judicial branch;  
19           (5)     members of boards and commissions appointed by the governor, the legislature, or other  
20 elected state officials;  
21           (6)     officers or members of the militia;  
22           (7)     agency heads appointed by the governor;  
23           (8)     academic and professional administrative personnel with individual contracts under the  
24 authority of the board of regents of higher education;  
25           (9)     academic and professional administrative personnel and live-in houseparents who have  
26 entered into individual contracts with the state school for the deaf and blind under the authority of the state  
27 board of public education;  
28           (10)    investment officer, assistant investment officer, executive director, and eight professional staff

- 1 positions of the board of investments;
- 2 (11) four professional staff positions under the board of oil and gas conservation;
- 3 (12) director of the Montana state lottery and assistant director for security of the Montana state
- 4 lottery;
- 5 (13) executive director and employees of the state compensation insurance fund;
- 6 (14) state racing stewards employed by the executive secretary of the Montana board of
- 7 horseracing;
- 8 (15) executive director of the Montana wheat and barley committee;
- 9 (16) commissioner of banking and financial institutions;
- 10 (17) training coordinator for county attorneys;
- 11 (18) employees of an entity of the legislative branch consolidated, as provided in 5-2-504;
- 12 (19) chief information officer in the department of administration;
- 13 (20) chief ~~business~~economic development officer and six professional staff positions in the office of
- 14 economic development provided for in 2-15-218; and
- 15 (21) the director of the office of state public defender provided for in 2-15-1029."

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17 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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